



*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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**October 31, 2014**

### **Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting**

**Monday, November 10 7:00pm–9:00pm**

**Upcounty Regional Services Center**

**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

***Topic: Economic Development in Montgomery County & Frederick County***

***Guests: Steve Silverman, Director, Montgomery County Department of Economic Development  
Helen Prophet, Manager, Business Development & Retention/  
Community Development Division***

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) will discuss economic development activities and priorities for Montgomery County, and will hear about Frederick County's activities as well.

*The public is welcomed to board meetings!*

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to [catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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### **Montgomery County Council to Hold Public Hearing on Special Appropriation for Economic Development**

**Tuesday, November 25 1:30pm**

***Speakers Can Now Sign Up to Testify!***

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, on a special appropriation of \$150,000 to the County Government's Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget for a Department of Economic Development **marketing and business development program**. The funds will come from the County's general fund reserves.

The public hearing will be held in the Third Floor Hearing Room of the Council Office Building, which is located at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville. The meeting will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and can be viewed via streaming through the County web site at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

Those interested in testifying at the public hearing can now sign up by calling 240-777-7803. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the bill or go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council).

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**Germantown Library presents: "Options for Quality Retirement"**

**Thursday, November 6 7:00pm-9:00pm**

**Germantown Library**

**19840 Century Blvd., Germantown**

***Register online at the library website, <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>***

If you have questions, contact Susan Cohen at 240-777-0127.

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**Nominate Yourself to Serve on a Rapid Transit System (RTS) Corridor Advisory Committee!**  
***Get Involved in RTS Planning Efforts in Your Community***

***Two of the 5 initial RTS corridors being studied are Upcounty:***

- MD 355 North corridor CAC (*Frederick Road/Hungerford Drive* from Clarksburg to Rockville Metrorail station).
- MD 355 South corridor CAC (*Rockville Pike/Wisconsin Avenue* from Rockville Metrorail station to Bethesda).

Please click [here](#) to obtain the nomination form to serve on the Corridor Advisory Committee. For more information about the project, please click [here](#) or visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/RTS/cacs.html>.

***Forms are due by November 21st. Sign up now!***

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***Did you know . . . ?***

The Office of the County Executive and the Department of Economic Development are leading the efforts to develop a **comprehensive economic strategy** to better position Montgomery for the future.

Incorporating business, workforce and community development, the comprehensive economic strategy seeks to better capture market opportunities, leverage community assets, and align our workforce with industry needs. The strategic plan will be completed by summer of 2015.

For questions about the Comprehensive Economic Strategy, please contact Lily Qi, Director of Special Projects for the County Executive, at 240-777-2524 or [lily.qi@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:lily.qi@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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**Leggett Hails News of County's Triple-A Bond Rating;  
County Among Best in Nation for Fiscal Responsibility**

Fitch, Moody's, and Standard & Poor's all affirmed the "AAA" rating – the highest achievable -- for the County. They all termed the outlook for Montgomery County as "stable."

The Triple-A bond rating enables Montgomery County to sell long-term bonds at the most favorable rates, saving County taxpayers millions of dollars over the life of the bonds. The rating also serves as a benchmark for numerous other financial transactions, ensuring the lowest possible costs in those areas as well.

See more at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14184](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14184)

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Montgomery County is kicking off its new “**Recipes for Success** (see [pdf online](#)) program to help individuals who are planning to open a new restaurant or expand an existing restaurant navigate the County’s permitting and licensing process quickly and efficiently. Each Tuesday, interested applicants can, by appointment, meet with a team of representatives from County agencies for a pre-design consultation about their plans. See the list of agencies and program details in the [Press Release](#).

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### **Job Announcement: Assistant Manager, Excel Beyond the Bell**

**The Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, Inc. is accepting applications for an Assistant Manager, Excel Beyond the Bell program.** Excel Beyond the Bell is a system of after school programs currently serving over 1,300 youth in seven low-income middle schools in Montgomery County, MD. Created by the Montgomery County Collaboration Council in partnership with the Montgomery County Recreation Department and Montgomery County Public Schools, the mission of Excel Beyond the Bell is to prepare youth for school and life by providing opportunities to make smart choices, learn through active participation, discover new talents, and strengthen life skills

#### **To Apply for This Position:**

Send Resume and cover letter including salary requirements to [info@collaborationcouncil.org](mailto:info@collaborationcouncil.org) by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, November 14, 2014. Please put **Assistant Manager, Excel Beyond the Bell** in the Subject line of your email. No phone calls.

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### **Montgomery County Recreation Reopens Clarksburg 55+ Active Adult Program!**

The 55 + Active Adult Programs, formerly known as the Neighborhood Senior Programs, provide socialization, entertainment, health, wellness, exercise and informational programs in 13 locations throughout the County. The program provides opportunities for seniors to participate in social and recreational activities within their own neighborhoods.

For more information, call 240-777-4924. See press release [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14212](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14212)

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### **Montgomery County Announces Second Round of Opportunities for New Farmers**

The project was created by the County’s Department of Economic Development (DED), which promotes business creation and retention across the County, and houses the Agricultural Services Division. DED Director Steve Silverman said the New Farmer Project will stick to the formula that seems to be working by facilitating land matches with private land owners; providing mentors; providing business training; and improving access to equipment.

For details, visit [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14216](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14216)

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## **Office of Community Partnerships Hosted Annual Diwali Celebration to Honor Indian Cultural Heritage**

Known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is a holiday observed worldwide between mid-October and mid-November by people of Indian and South Asian heritage. The observance marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year and celebrates the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. The free community program will feature remarks, a lamp lighting ceremony, Indian dances and a reception with light refreshments.

For more information, call Diane Vu at 240-688-2001.

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## **Damascus Heritage Society Museum Celebrates 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary 9701 Main Street, Damascus Hours of Operation: Wednesday & Saturdays 12:00n – 5:00pm**

The museum was founded on a grassroots effort and has seen nearly 10,000 visitors since opening its doors. There have been 18 exhibits on 18 different subjects relative to the Damascus community.

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## **Preparing for Success! FIT AND FRESH: BEING FIT AND HEALTHY Saturday, November 22 10:00am-4:30pm Montgomery College – Rockville Campus**

The “Preparing for Success” Fall Forum is an all-day conference, designed to provide useful and practical information for high school girls headed for college and the workplace. The Montgomery County Women’s Bar Foundation designed, planned and has offered this program every November, beginning in 2001. The program offers workshops that address interviewing, resume writing, career choices, getting into college, and a section on helping young girls stay safe while in high school and also on the internet.

Co-sponsors include the Montgomery County Commission for Women, the J. Franklyn Bourne Association, the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association, Montgomery College and Montgomery County Public Schools

Students can register for the event at [www.preparing4success.com](http://www.preparing4success.com) . *The entire day is free of charge.*

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## **County Council Seeks Applicants for 2 Task Forces on the County Procurement Process**

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for positions on two recently established task forces to study potential reforms of the County procurement system.

The task forces the Council established are the:

- Minority Owned and Local Small Business Task Force
- Procurement Policies and Regulations Task Force

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Persons interested in applying should indicate the task force on which they are interested in serving or whether they would be willing to serve on either one.

Get more details at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14202](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14202)

***Deadline for Applications Is Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m.***

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## Applications Being Accepted for March 2015 Police Citizen Academy

<http://www.mymcpnews.com/2014/10/28/applications-being-accepted-for-upcoming-police-citizen-academy/>

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***The County Council is on recess until November 25, 2014.***

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>